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**AMENDMENT B AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

This amendment for the patent application identified above is in response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for response that expired on March 23, 2006. Applicants request a two-month extension of time and are enclosing an appropriate fee for such extension.

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**COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

Applicants note that that sufficient filing fee for the above application may not have been paid based on multiple-dependent claim 20. Accordingly, please deduct an appropriate amount if necessary from deposit account number 19-2555 (deposit account of Fenwick & West LLP).

Applicants respectfully invite the Office to contact Applicants' representative at the number provided below if it will help expedite furtherance of this application.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
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